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MULTIPLY-SUBSTITUTED PROTEASE VARIANTS

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Related Applications

The present application is a continuation-in-part application of United States Patent Application 08/956,323, filed October 23, 1998, United States Patent Application 08/956,564, filed October 23, 1998, and United States Patent Application 08/956,324 filed October 23, 1998, all of which are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety.

Background of the Invention

Serine proteases are a subgroup of carbonyl hydrolases. They comprise a diverse class of enzymes having a wide range of specificities and biological functions. Stroud, R. Sci. Amer., **131**:74-88. Despite their functional diversity, the catalytic machinery of serine proteases has been approached by at least two genetically distinct families of enzymes: 1) the subtilisins and 2) the mammalian chymotrypsin-related and homologous bacterial serine proteases (e.g., trypsin and *S. gresius* trypsin). These two families of serine proteases show remarkably similar mechanisms of catalysis. Kraut, J. (1977), Annu. Rev. Biochem., **46**:331-358. Furthermore, although the primary structure is unrelated, the tertiary structure of these two enzyme families bring together a conserved catalytic triad of amino acids consisting of serine, histidine and aspartate.

Subtilisins are serine proteases (approx. MW 27,500) which are secreted in large amounts from a wide variety of *Bacillus* species and other microorganisms. The protein sequence of subtilisin has been determined from at least nine different species of *Bacillus*. Markland, F.S., et al. (1983), Hoppe-Seyler's Z. Physiol. Chem.,

364:1537-1540. The three-dimensional crystallographic structure of subtilisins from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens, Bacillus licheniformis* and several natural variants of *B. lentus* have been reported. These studies indicate that although subtilisin is genetically unrelated to the mammalian serine proteases, it has a similar active site structure. The x-ray crystal structures of subtilisin containing covalently bound peptide inhibitors (Robertus, J.D., et al. (1972), Biochemistry, **11**:2439-2449) or product complexes (Robertus, J.D., et al. (1976), J. Biol. Chem., **251**:1097-1103) have also provided information regarding the active site and putative substrate binding cleft of subtilisin. In addition, a large number of kinetic and chemical modification studies have been reported for subtilisin ; Svendsen, B. (1976), Carlsberg Res. Commun., **41**:237-291; Markland, F.S. Id.) as well as at least one report wherein the side chain of methionine at residue 222 of subtilisin was converted by hydrogen peroxide to methionine-sulfoxide (Stauffer, D.C., et al. (1965), J. Biol. Chem., **244**:5333-5338) and extensive site-specific mutagenesis has been carried out (Wells and Estell (1988) TIBS 13:291-297)

Summary of the Invention

It is an object herein to provide protease variants containing a substitution of an amino acid at a residue position corresponding to position 103 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin and substituting one or more amino acids at residue positions selected from the group consisting of residue positions corresponding to positions 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 33, 37, 38, 42, 43, 48, 55, 57, 58, 61, 62, 68, 72, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 86, 87, 89, 97, 98, 99, 101, 102, 104, 106, 107, 109, 111, 114, 116, 117, 119, 121, 123, 126, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134, 137, 140, 141, 142, 146, 147, 158, 159, 160, 166, 167, 170, 173, 174, 177, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 188, 192, 194, 198, 203, 204, 205, 206, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 222, 224, 227, 228, 230, 232, 236, 237, 238, 240, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 265, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 274 and 275 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin; wherein when a substitution at a position corresponding to residue position 103 is combined with a substitution at a position corresponding to residue position 76, there is also a substitution at one or more residue positions other than residue positions corresponding to positions 27, 99, 101, 104, 107, 109, 123, 128, 166, 204, 206, 210, 216, 217, 218, 222, 260, 265, or 274 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin.

While any combination of the above listed amino acid substitutions may be employed, the preferred protease variant enzymes useful for the present invention comprise the substitution of amino acid residues in the following combinations of positions. All of the residue positions correspond to positions of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin:

(1) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 103 and at one or more of the following positions 236 and 245;

(2) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at positions 103 and 236 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62, 68, 76, 97, 98, 101, 102, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 205, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215, 217, 230, 232, 248, 252, 257, 260, 270 and 275;

(3) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at positions 103 and 245 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62, 68, 76, 97, 98, 101, 102, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 170, 183, 185, 205, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215, 217, 222, 230, 232, 248, 252, 257, 260, 261, 270 and 275; or

(4) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at positions 103, 236 and 245 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62, 68, 76, 97, 98, 101, 102, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 205, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215, 217, 230, 232, 243, 248, 252, 257, 260, 270 and 275.

More preferred protease variants are substitution sets selected from the group consisting of residue positions corresponding to positions in Table 1 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin:

Table 1

76	103	104	222									
76	98	103	104									
76	78	103	104									
76	103	104	107									
4	76	103	104									
76	103	104	246									
76	77	103	104									
76	103	104	183	218								
16	76	103	104	248								
1	76	103	104									
76	103	104	261									
76	103	104	160									
76	103	104	216									
17	76	103	104									
37	76	103	104									
76	77	103	104	174								
38	76	103	104									
38	76	103	104	237								
8	76	103	104									

76	103	104	183									
19	76	103	104									
13	76	103	104									
19	76	103	104									
76	103	104	184									
76	103	104	252									
76	103	104	259									
76	103	104	251									
76	86	103	104									
72	76	103	104	185								
76	103	104	237	274								
76	103	104	160									
76	103	104	228									
55	76	103	104	240								
76	103	104	254									
76	103	104	204									
76	103	104	204									
43	76	103	104									
76	103	104	159									
10	76	103	104	177								

58	76	103	104									
76	103	104	270									
76	103	104	185									
27	76	103	104									
76	103	104	262									
76	78	103	104									
24	76	103	104									
76	103	104	166	236	251							
17	76	103	104	237								
76	103	104	130									
76	103	104	109									
76	99	103	104	204								
76	103	104	181									
12	76	103	104									
76	103	104	212	271								
76	103	104	252	261								
76	103	104	242									
76	103	104	271									
12	76	103	104	242								
43	76	103	104	116	183							

76	103	104	258									
76	103	104	271									
61	76	103	104									
38	76	103	104	182	263							
76	103	104	182	272								
76	103	104	109	246								
76	87	103	104	206	249	265						
76	103	104	137	238	271							
103	104	228										
76	103	104	182	198								
21	76	103	104	182								
76	103	104	119	137								
76	103	104	137	248								
13	76	103	104	206								
76	103	104	206									
76	103	104	212	258								
58	76	103	104	271								
76	103	104	206	261								
4	76	103	104	206								
76	77	103	104	206								

76	103	104	158									
76	103	104	206									
4	76	103	104	159	217	251						
4	76	103	104	159	217	252						
76	77	103	104	133	185	251						
76	103	104	159	206	244							
4	76	103	104	188								
4	76	103	104	158								
76	77	103	104	185								
76	103	104	206	251								
48	76	103	104	111	159							
68	76	103	104	159	236							
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12	62	76	103	104	159							
42	76	103	104	159								
76	103	104	146	159								
76	103	104	159	238								
76	103	104	159	224								
76	103	104	212	268	271							
76	89	103	104									

76	87	103	104	212	271							
76	103	104	212	245	271							
76	103	104	134	141	212	271						
76	103	104	212	236	243	271						
76	103	104	109	245								
76	103	104	109	210								
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68	76	103	104									
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68	76	76	103	114	121	159	236	245				
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68	76	103	104	184								
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43	68	103	104	159	232	236	245	252				
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27	103	104	159	232	236	245	248	252				
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Most preferred protease variants are those shown in Table 3.

It is a further object to provide DNA sequences encoding such protease variants, as well as expression vectors containing such variant DNA sequences.

Still further, another object of the invention is to provide host cells transformed with such vectors, as well as host cells which are capable of expressing such DNA to produce protease variants either intracellularly or extracellularly.

There is further provided a cleaning composition comprising a protease variant of the present invention.

Additionally, there is provided an animal feed comprising a protease variant of the present invention.

Also provided is a composition for the treatment of a textile comprising a protease variant of the present invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figs. 1 A-C depict the DNA and amino acid sequence for *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin and a partial restriction map of this gene.

Fig. 2 depicts the conserved amino acid residues among subtilisins from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* (BPN)' and *Bacillus lentus* (wild-type).

Figs. 3A and 3B depict the amino acid sequence of four subtilisins. The top line represents the amino acid sequence of subtilisin from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin (also sometimes referred to as subtilisin BPN)'. The second line depicts the amino acid sequence of subtilisin from *Bacillus subtilis*. The third line depicts the amino acid sequence of subtilisin from *B. licheniformis*. The fourth line depicts the amino acid sequence of subtilisin from *Bacillus lentus* (also referred to as subtilisin 309 in PCT WO89/06276). The symbol * denotes the absence of specific amino acid residues as compared to subtilisin BPN'.

Detailed Description of the Invention

Proteases are carbonyl hydrolases which generally act to cleave peptide bonds of proteins or peptides. As used herein, "protease" means a naturally-occurring protease or a recombinant protease. Naturally-occurring proteases include α-aminoacylpeptide hydrolase, peptidylamino acid hydrolase, acylamino hydrolase,

serine carboxypeptidase, metallocarboxypeptidase, thiol proteinase, carboxylproteinase and metalloproteinase. Serine, metallo, thiol and acid proteases are included, as well as endo and exo-proteases.

The present invention includes protease enzymes which are non-naturally occurring carbonyl hydrolase variants (protease variants) having a different proteolytic activity, stability, substrate specificity, pH profile and/or performance characteristic as compared to the precursor carbonyl hydrolase from which the amino acid sequence of the variant is derived. Specifically, such protease variants have an amino acid sequence not found in nature, which is derived by substitution of a plurality of amino acid residues of a precursor protease with different amino acids. The precursor protease may be a naturally-occurring protease or a recombinant protease.

The protease variants useful herein encompass the substitution of any of the nineteen naturally occurring L-amino acids at the designated amino acid residue positions. Such substitutions can be made in any precursor subtilisin (procaryotic, eucaryotic, mammalian, etc.). Throughout this application reference is made to various amino acids by way of common one - and three-letter codes. Such codes are identified in Dale, M.W. (1989), Molecular Genetics of Bacteria, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., Appendix B.

The protease variants useful herein are preferably derived from a *Bacillus* subtilisin. More preferably, the protease variants are derived from *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin and/or subtilisin 309.

Subtilisins are bacterial or fungal proteases which generally act to cleave peptide bonds of proteins or peptides. As used herein, "subtilisin" means a naturally-occurring subtilisin or a recombinant subtilisin. A series of naturally-occurring subtilisins is known to be produced and often secreted by various microbial species. Amino acid sequences of the members of this series are not entirely homologous. However, the subtilisins in this series exhibit the same or similar type of proteolytic activity. This class of serine proteases shares a common amino acid sequence defining a catalytic triad which distinguishes them from the chymotrypsin related class of serine proteases. The subtilisins and chymotrypsin related serine proteases both have a catalytic triad comprising aspartate, histidine and serine. In the subtilisin related proteases the relative order of these amino acids, reading from the amino to

carboxy terminus, is aspartate-histidine-serine. In the chymotrypsin related proteases, the relative order, however, is histidine-aspartate-serine. Thus, subtilisin herein refers to a serine protease having the catalytic triad of subtilisin related proteases. Examples include but are not limited to the subtilisins identified in Fig. 3 herein. Generally and for purposes of the present invention, numbering of the amino acids in proteases corresponds to the numbers assigned to the mature *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin sequence presented in Fig. 1.

"Recombinant subtilisin" or "recombinant protease" refer to a subtilisin or protease in which the DNA sequence encoding the subtilisin or protease is modified to produce a variant (or mutant) DNA sequence which encodes the substitution, deletion or insertion of one or more amino acids in the naturally-occurring amino acid sequence. Suitable methods to produce such modification, and which may be combined with those disclosed herein, include those disclosed in US Patent RE 34,606, US Patent 5,204,015 and US Patent 5,185,258, U.S. Patent 5,700,676, U.S. Patent 5,801,038, and U.S. Patent 5,763,257.

"Non-human subtilisins" and the DNA encoding them may be obtained from many procaryotic and eucaryotic organisms. Suitable examples of procaryotic organisms include gram negative organisms such as *E. coli* or *Pseudomonas* and gram positive bacteria such as *Micrococcus* or *Bacillus*. Examples of eucaryotic organisms from which subtilisin and their genes may be obtained include yeast such as *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, fungi such as *Aspergillus* sp.

A "protease variant" has an amino acid sequence which is derived from the amino acid sequence of a "precursor protease". The precursor proteases include naturally-occurring proteases and recombinant proteases. The amino acid sequence of the protease variant is "derived" from the precursor protease amino acid sequence by the substitution, deletion or insertion of one or more amino acids of the precursor amino acid sequence. Such modification is of the "precursor DNA sequence" which encodes the amino acid sequence of the precursor protease rather than manipulation of the precursor protease enzyme *per se*. Suitable methods for such manipulation of the precursor DNA sequence include methods disclosed herein, as well as methods known to those skilled in the art (see, for example, EP 0 328299, WO89/06279 and the US patents and applications already referenced herein).

Specific substitutions corresponding to position 103 in combination with one or more of the following substitutions corresponding to positions 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 33, 37, 38, 42, 43, 48, 55, 57, 58, 61, 62, 68, 72, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 86, 87, 89, 97, 98, 99, 101, 102, 104, 106, 107, 109, 111, 114, 116, 117, 119, 121, 123, 126, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134, 137, 140, 141, 142, 146, 147, 158, 159, 160, 166, 167, 170, 173, 174, 177, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 188, 192, 194, 198, 203, 204, 205, 206, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 222, 224, 227, 228, 230, 232, 236, 237, 238, 240, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 265, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 274 and 275 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin are identified herein.

Preferred variants are those having combinations of substitutions at residue positions corresponding to positions of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin in Table 1. More preferred variants are those having combinations of substitutions at residue positions corresponding to positions of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin in Table 3.

Further preferred variants are those having combinations of substitutions at residue positions corresponding to positions of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin in Table 2.

Table 2

76	103	104	222	245								
76	103	104	222	249								
68	103	104	159	232	236	245	252					
68	76	103	104	159	213	232	236	245	260			
22	68	76	103	104								
68	103	104	159	232	236	245	248	252				
68	103	104	159	232	236	245						
68	103	104	140	159	232	236	245	252				
43	68	103	104	159	232	236	245	252				
43	68	103	104	159	232	236	245					
12	76	103	104	130	222	245	261					
76	103	104	130	222	245							
68	103	104	159	232	236	245	257					
68	76	103	104	159	210	232	236	245				
68	103	104	159	224	232	236	245	257				
76	103	104	159	232	236	245	257					
68	76	103	104	159	211	232	236	245				
12	68	76	103	104	159	214	232	236	245			
68	76	103	104	159	215	232	236	245				
12	68	76	103	104	159	232	236	245				
20	68	76	103	104	159	232	236	245	259			
68	76	87	103	104	159	232	236	245	260			
68	76	103	104	159	232	236	245	261				
12	48	68	76	103	104	159	232	236	245			
76	103	104	159	192	232	236	245					
76	103	104	147	159	232	236	245	248	251			
12	68	76	103	104	159	232	236	245	272			
68	76	103	104	159	183	206	232	236	245			
68	76	103	104	159	232	236	245	256				
68	76	103	104	159	206	232	236	245				
27	68	76	103	104	159	232	236	245				

68	103	104	159	212	232	236	245	248	252			
103	104	159	232	236	245	248	252					
68	103	104	159	209	232	236	245	248	252			
68	103	104	109	159	232	236	245	248	252			
20	68	103	104	159	232	236	245	248	252			
68	103	104	159	209	232	236	245	248	252			
68	103	104	159	210	232	236	245	248	252			
68	103	104	159	212	232	236	245	248	252			
68	103	104	159	213	232	236	245	248	252			
68	103	104	213	232	236	245	248	252				
68	103	104	159	215	232	236	245	248	252			
68	103	104	159	216	232	236	245	248	252			
20	68	103	104	159	232	236	245	248	252			
68	103	104	159	232	236	245	248	252	255			
68	103	104	159	232	236	245	248	252	256			
68	103	104	159	232	236	245	248	252	260			
68	103	104	159	228	232	236	245	248	252			
68	76	89	103	104	159	210	213	232	236	245	260	
68	103	104	159	218	232	236	245	248	252			

These amino acid position numbers refer to those assigned to the mature *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin sequence presented in Fig. 1. The invention, however, is not limited to the mutation of this particular subtilisin but extends to precursor proteases containing amino acid residues at positions which are "equivalent" to the particular identified residues in *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the precursor protease is *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin and the substitutions are made at the equivalent amino acid residue positions in *B. lentus* corresponding to those listed above.

A residue (amino acid) position of a precursor protease is equivalent to a residue of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin if it is either homologous (i.e., corresponding in position in either primary or tertiary structure) or analogous to a specific residue or portion of that residue in *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin (i.e., having the same or similar functional capacity to combine, react, or interact chemically).

In order to establish homology to primary structure, the amino acid sequence of a precursor protease is directly compared to the *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin primary sequence and particularly to a set of residues known to be invariant in subtilisins for which sequence is known. For example, Fig. 2 herein shows the conserved residues as between *B. amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin and *B. lentus* subtilisin. After aligning the conserved residues, allowing for necessary insertions and deletions in order to maintain alignment (i.e., avoiding the elimination of conserved residues through arbitrary deletion and insertion), the residues equivalent to particular amino acids in the primary sequence of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin are defined. Alignment of conserved residues preferably should conserve 100% of such residues. However, alignment of greater than 75% or as little as 50% of conserved residues is also adequate to define equivalent residues. Conservation of the catalytic triad, Asp32/His64/Ser221 should be maintained. Siezen et al. (1991) Protein Eng. **4(7)**:719-737 shows the alignment of a large number of serine proteases. Siezen et al. refer to the grouping as subtilases or subtilisin-like serine proteases.

For example, in Fig. 3, the amino acid sequence of subtilisin from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bacillus licheniformis* (*carlsbergensis*) and *Bacillus lentus* are aligned to provide the maximum amount of homology between

amino acid sequences. A comparison of these sequences shows that there are a number of conserved residues contained in each sequence. These conserved residues (as between BPN' and *B. lentus*) are identified in Fig. 2.

These conserved residues, thus, may be used to define the corresponding equivalent amino acid residues of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin in other subtilisins such as subtilisin from *Bacillus lentus* (PCT Publication No. W089/06279 published July 13, 1989), the preferred protease precursor enzyme herein, or the subtilisin referred to as PB92 (EP 0 328 299), which is highly homologous to the preferred *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin. The amino acid sequences of certain of these subtilisins are aligned in Figs. 3A and 3B with the sequence of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin to produce the maximum homology of conserved residues. As can be seen, there are a number of deletions in the sequence of *Bacillus lentus* as compared to *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin. Thus, for example, the equivalent amino acid for Val165 in *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin in the other subtilisins is isoleucine for *B. lentus* and *B. licheniformis*.

"Equivalent residues" may also be defined by determining homology at the level of tertiary structure for a precursor protease whose tertiary structure has been determined by x-ray crystallography. Equivalent residues are defined as those for which the atomic coordinates of two or more of the main chain atoms of a particular amino acid residue of the precursor protease and *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin (N on N, CA on CA, C on C and O on O) are within 0.13nm and preferably 0.1nm after alignment. Alignment is achieved after the best model has been oriented and positioned to give the maximum overlap of atomic coordinates of non-hydrogen protein atoms of the protease in question to the *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin. The best model is the crystallographic model giving the lowest R factor for experimental diffraction data at the highest resolution available.

$$R\,factor = \frac{\Sigma_h |Fo(h)| - |Fc(h)|}{\Sigma_h |Fo(h)|}$$

Equivalent residues which are functionally analogous to a specific residue of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin are defined as those amino acids of the

precursor protease which may adopt a conformation such that they either alter, modify or contribute to protein structure, substrate binding or catalysis in a manner defined and attributed to a specific residue of the *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin. Further, they are those residues of the precursor protease (for which a tertiary structure has been obtained by x-ray crystallography) which occupy an analogous position to the extent that, although the main chain atoms of the given residue may not satisfy the criteria of equivalence on the basis of occupying a homologous position, the atomic coordinates of at least two of the side chain atoms of the residue lie with 0.13nm of the corresponding side chain atoms of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin. The coordinates of the three dimensional structure of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin are set forth in EPO Publication No. 0 251 446 (equivalent to US Patent 5,182,204, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference) and can be used as outlined above to determine equivalent residues on the level of tertiary structure.

Some of the residues identified for substitution are conserved residues whereas others are not. In the case of residues which are not conserved, the substitution of one or more amino acids is limited to substitutions which produce a variant which has an amino acid sequence that does not correspond to one found in nature. In the case of conserved residues, such substitutions should not result in a naturally-occurring sequence. The protease variants of the present invention include the mature forms of protease variants, as well as the pro- and prepro-forms of such protease variants. The prepro-forms are the preferred construction since this facilitates the expression, secretion and maturation of the protease variants.

"Prosequence" refers to a sequence of amino acids bound to the N-terminal portion of the mature form of a protease which when removed results in the appearance of the "mature" form of the protease. Many proteolytic enzymes are found in nature as translational proenzyme products and, in the absence of post-translational processing, are expressed in this fashion. A preferred prosequence for producing protease variants is the putative prosequence of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin, although other protease prosequences may be used.

A "signal sequence" or "presequence" refers to any sequence of amino acids bound to the N-terminal portion of a protease or to the N-terminal portion of a proprotease which may participate in the secretion of the mature or pro forms of the

protease. This definition of signal sequence is a functional one, meant to include all those amino acid sequences encoded by the N-terminal portion of the protease gene which participate in the effectuation of the secretion of protease under native conditions. The present invention utilizes such sequences to effect the secretion of the protease variants as defined herein. One possible signal sequence comprises the first seven amino acid residues of the signal sequence from *Bacillus subtilis* subtilisin fused to the remainder of the signal sequence of the subtilisin from *Bacillus lentus* (ATCC 21536).

A "prepro" form of a protease variant consists of the mature form of the protease having a prosequence operably linked to the amino terminus of the protease and a "pre" or "signal" sequence operably linked to the amino terminus of the prosequence.

"Expression vector" refers to a DNA construct containing a DNA sequence which is operably linked to a suitable control sequence capable of effecting the expression of said DNA in a suitable host. Such control sequences include a promoter to effect transcription, an optional operator sequence to control such transcription, a sequence encoding suitable mRNA ribosome binding sites and sequences which control termination of transcription and translation. The vector may be a plasmid, a phage particle, or simply a potential genomic insert. Once transformed into a suitable host, the vector may replicate and function independently of the host genome, or may, in some instances, integrate into the genome itself. In the present specification, "plasmid" and "vector" are sometimes used interchangeably as the plasmid is the most commonly used form of vector at present. However, the invention is intended to include such other forms of expression vectors which serve equivalent functions and which are, or become, known in the art.

The "host cells" used in the present invention generally are procaryotic or eucaryotic hosts which preferably have been manipulated by the methods disclosed in US Patent RE 34,606 to render them incapable of secreting enzymatically active endoprotease. A preferred host cell for expressing protease is the *Bacillus* strain BG2036 which is deficient in enzymatically active neutral protease and alkaline protease (subtilisin). The construction of strain BG2036 is described in detail in US Patent 5,264,366. Other host cells for expressing protease include *Bacillus subtilis* I168 (also described in US Patent RE 34,606 and US Patent 5,264,366, the

disclosure of which are incorporated herein by reference), as well as any suitable *Bacillus* strain such as *B. licheniformis, B. lentus*, etc.

Host cells are transformed or transfected with vectors constructed using recombinant DNA techniques. Such transformed host cells are capable of either replicating vectors encoding the protease variants or expressing the desired protease variant. In the case of vectors which encode the pre- or prepro-form of the protease variant, such variants, when expressed, are typically secreted from the host cell into the host cell medium.

"Operably linked, " when describing the relationship between two DNA regions, simply means that they are functionally related to each other. For example, a presequence is operably linked to a peptide if it functions as a signal sequence, participating in the secretion of the mature form of the protein most probably involving cleavage of the signal sequence. A promoter is operably linked to a coding sequence if it controls the transcription of the sequence; a ribosome binding site is operably linked to a coding sequence if it is positioned so as to permit translation.

The genes encoding the naturally-occurring precursor protease may be obtained in accord with the general methods known to those skilled in the art. The methods generally comprise synthesizing labeled probes having putative sequences encoding regions of the protease of interest, preparing genomic libraries from organisms expressing the protease, and screening the libraries for the gene of interest by hybridization to the probes. Positively hybridizing clones are then mapped and sequenced.

The cloned protease is then used to transform a host cell in order to express the protease. The protease gene is then ligated into a high copy number plasmid. This plasmid replicates in hosts in the sense that it contains the well-known elements necessary for plasmid replication: a promoter operably linked to the gene in question (which may be supplied as the gene's own homologous promoter if it is recognized, i.e., transcribed, by the host), a transcription termination and polyadenylation region (necessary for stability of the mRNA transcribed by the host from the protease gene in certain eucaryotic host cells) which is exogenous or is supplied by the endogenous terminator region of the protease gene and, desirably, a selection gene such as an antibiotic resistance gene that enables continuous cultural maintenance of plasmid-infected host cells by growth in antibiotic-containing media.

High copy number plasmids also contain an origin of replication for the host, thereby enabling large numbers of plasmids to be generated in the cytoplasm without chromosomal limitations. However, it is within the scope herein to integrate multiple copies of the protease gene into host genome. This is facilitated by procaryotic and eucaryotic organisms which are particularly susceptible to homologous recombination.

The gene can be a natural *B. lentus* gene. Alternatively, a synthetic gene encoding a naturally-occurring or mutant precursor protease may be produced. In such an approach, the DNA and/or amino acid sequence of the precursor protease is determined. Multiple, overlapping synthetic single-stranded DNA fragments are thereafter synthesized, which upon hybridization and ligation produce a synthetic DNA encoding the precursor protease. An example of synthetic gene construction is set forth in Example 3 of US Patent 5,204,015, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Once the naturally-occurring or synthetic precursor protease gene has been cloned, a number of modifications are undertaken to enhance the use of the gene beyond synthesis of the naturally-occurring precursor protease. Such modifications include the production of recombinant proteases as disclosed in US Patent RE 34,606 and EPO Publication No. 0 251 446 and the production of protease variants described herein.

The following cassette mutagenesis method may be used to facilitate the construction of the protease variants of the present invention, although other methods may be used. First, the naturally-occurring gene encoding the protease is obtained and sequenced in whole or in part. Then the sequence is scanned for a point at which it is desired to make a mutation (deletion, insertion or substitution) of one or more amino acids in the encoded enzyme. The sequences flanking this point are evaluated for the presence of restriction sites for replacing a short segment of the gene with an oligonucleotide pool which when expressed will encode various mutants. Such restriction sites are preferably unique sites within the protease gene so as to facilitate the replacement of the gene segment. However, any convenient restriction site which is not overly redundant in the protease gene may be used, provided the gene fragments generated by restriction digestion can be reassembled in proper sequence. If restriction sites are not present at locations within a

convenient distance from the selected point (from 10 to 15 nucleotides), such sites are generated by substituting nucleotides in the gene in such a fashion that neither the reading frame nor the amino acids encoded are changed in the final construction. Mutation of the gene in order to change its sequence to conform to the desired sequence is accomplished by M13 primer extension in accord with generally known methods. The task of locating suitable flanking regions and evaluating the needed changes to arrive at two convenient restriction site sequences is made routine by the redundancy of the genetic code, a restriction enzyme map of the gene and the large number of different restriction enzymes. Note that if a convenient flanking restriction site is available, the above method need be used only in connection with the flanking region which does not contain a site.

Once the naturally-occurring DNA or synthetic DNA is cloned, the restriction sites flanking the positions to be mutated are digested with the cognate restriction enzymes and a plurality of end termini-complementary oligonucleotide cassettes are ligated into the gene. The mutagenesis is simplified by this method because all of the oligonucleotides can be synthesized so as to have the same restriction sites, and no synthetic linkers are necessary to create the restriction sites.

As used herein, proteolytic activity is defined as the rate of hydrolysis of peptide bonds per milligram of active enzyme. Many well known procedures exist for measuring proteolytic activity (K. M. Kalisz, "Microbial Proteinases," Advances in Biochemical Engineering/Biotechnology, A. Fiechter ed., 1988). In addition to or as an alternative to modified proteolytic activity, the variant enzymes of the present invention may have other modified properties such as K_m, k_{cat}, k_{cat}/K_m ratio and/or modified substrate specificity and/or modified pH activity profile. These enzymes can be tailored for the particular substrate which is anticipated to be present, for example, in the preparation of peptides or for hydrolytic processes such as laundry uses.

In one aspect of the invention, the objective is to secure a variant protease having altered, preferably improved wash performance as compared to a precursor protease in at least one detergent formulation and or under at least one set of wash conditions.

There is a variety of wash conditions including varying detergent formulations, wash water volume, wash water temperature and length of wash time

that a protease variant might be exposed to. For example, detergent formulations used in different areas have different concentrations of their relevant components present in the wash water. For example, a European detergent typically has about 4500-5000 ppm of detergent components in the wash water while a Japanese detergent typically has approximately 667 ppm of detergent components in the wash water. In North America, particularly the United States, a detergent typically has about 975 ppm of detergent components present in the wash water.

A low detergent concentration system includes detergents where less than about 800 ppm of detergent components are present in the wash water. Japanese detergents are typically considered low detergent concentration system as they have approximately 667 ppm of detergent components present in the wash water.

A medium detergent concentration includes detergents where between about 800 ppm and about 2000ppm of detergent components are present in the wash water. North American detergents are generally considered to be medium detergent concentration systems as they have approximately 975 ppm of detergent components present in the wash water. Brazil typically has approximately 1500 ppm of detergent components present in the wash water.

A high detergent concentration system includes detergents where greater than about 2000 ppm of detergent components are present in the wash water. European detergents are generally considered to be high detergent concentration systems as they have approximately 4500-5000 ppm of detergent components in the wash water.

Latin American detergents are generally high suds phosphate builder detergents and the range of detergents used in Latin America can fall in both the medium and high detergent concentrations as they range from 1500 ppm to 6000 ppm of detergent components in the wash water. As mentioned above, Brazil typically has approximately 1500 ppm of detergent components present in the wash water. However, other high suds phosphate builder detergent geographies, not limited to other Latin American countries, may have high detergent concentration systems up to about 6000 ppm of detergent components present in the wash water.

In light of the foregoing, it is evident that concentrations of detergent compositions in typical wash solutions throughout the world varies from less than about 800 ppm of detergent composition ("low detergent concentration

geographies"), for example about 667 ppm in Japan, to between about 800 ppm to about 2000 ppm ("medium detergent concentration geographies"), for example about 975 ppm in U.S. and about 1500 ppm in Brazil, to greater than about 2000 ppm ("high detergent concentration geographies"), for example about 4500 ppm to about 5000 ppm in Europe and about 6000 ppm in high suds phosphate builder geographies.

The concentrations of the typical wash solutions are determined empirically. For example, in the U.S., a typical washing machine holds a volume of about 64.4 L of wash solution. Accordingly, in order to obtain a concentration of about 975 ppm of detergent within the wash solution about 62.79 g of detergent composition must be added to the 64.4 L of wash solution. This amount is the typical amount measured into the wash water by the consumer using the measuring cup provided with the detergent.

As a further example, different geographies use different wash temperatures. The temperature of the wash water in Japan is typically less than that used in Europe.

Accordingly one aspect of the present invention includes a protease variant that shows improved wash performance in at least one set of wash conditions.

In another aspect of the invention, it has been determined that substitutions at a position corresponding to 103 in combination with one or more substitutions selected from the group consisting of positions corresponding 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 33, 37, 38, 42, 43, 48, 55, 57, 58, 61, 62, 68, 72, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 86, 87, 89, 97, 98, 99, 101, 102, 104, 106, 107, 109, 111, 114, 116, 117, 119, 121, 123, 126, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134, 137, 140, 141, 142, 146, 147, 158, 159, 160, 166, 167, 170, 173, 174, 177, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 188, 192, 194, 198, 203, 204, 205, 206, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 222, 224, 227, 228, 230, 232, 236, 237, 238, 240, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 265, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 274 and 275 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin are important in improving the wash performance of the enzyme.

These substitutions are preferably made in *Bacillus lentus* (recombinant or native-type) subtilisin, although the substitutions may be made in any *Bacillus* protease.

Based on the screening results obtained with the variant proteases, the noted mutations in *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin are important to the proteolytic activity, performance and/or stability of these enzymes and the cleaning or wash performance of such variant enzymes.

Many of the protease variants of the invention are useful in formulating various detergent compositions or personal care formulations such as shampoos or lotions. A number of known compounds are suitable surfactants useful in compositions comprising the protease mutants of the invention. These include nonionic, anionic, cationic, or zwitterionic detergents, as disclosed in US 4,404,128 to Barry J. Anderson and US 4,261,868 to Jiri Flora, et al. A suitable detergent formulation is that described in Example 7 of US Patent 5,204,015 (previously incorporated by reference). The art is familiar with the different formulations which can be used as cleaning compositions. In addition to typical cleaning compositions, it is readily understood that the protease variants of the present invention may be used for any purpose that native or wild-type proteases are used. Thus, these variants can be used, for example, in bar or liquid soap applications, dishcare formulations, contact lens cleaning solutions or products, peptide hydrolysis, waste treatment, textile applications, as fusion-cleavage enzymes in protein production, etc. The variants of the present invention may comprise enhanced performance in a detergent composition (as compared to the precursor). As used herein, enhanced performance in a detergent is defined as increasing cleaning of certain enzyme sensitive stains such as grass or blood, as determined by usual evaluation after a standard wash cycle.

Proteases of the invention can be formulated into known powdered and liquid detergents having pH between 6.5 and 12.0 at levels of about 0.01 to about 5% (preferably 0.1% to 0.5%) by weight. These detergent cleaning compositions can also include other enzymes such as known proteases, amylases, cellulases, lipases or endoglycosidases, as well as builders and stabilizers.

The addition of proteases of the invention to conventional cleaning compositions does not create any special use limitation. In other words, any temperature and pH suitable for the detergent is also suitable for the present compositions as long as the pH is within the above range, and the temperature is below the described protease's denaturing temperature. In addition, proteases of

the invention can be used in a cleaning composition without detergents, again either alone or in combination with builders and stabilizers.

The present invention also relates to cleaning compositions containing the protease variants of the invention. The cleaning compositions may additionally contain additives which are commonly used in cleaning compositions. These can be selected from, but not limited to, bleaches, surfactants, builders, enzymes and bleach catalysts. It would be readily apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art what additives are suitable for inclusion into the compositions. The list provided herein is by no means exhaustive and should be only taken as examples of suitable additives. It will also be readily apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art to only use those additives which are compatible with the enzymes and other components in the composition, for example, surfactant.

When present, the amount of additive present in the cleaning composition is from about 0.01% to about 99.9%, preferably about 1% to about 95%, more preferably about 1% to about 80%.

The variant proteases of the present invention can be included in animal feed such as part of animal feed additives as described in, for example, US 5,612,055; US 5,314,692; and US 5,147,642.

One aspect of the invention is a composition for the treatment of a textile that includes variant proteases of the present invention. The composition can be used to treat for example silk or wool as described in publications such as RD 216,034; EP 134,267; US 4,533,359; and EP 344,259.

The following is presented by way of example and is not to be construed as a limitation to the scope of the claims.

All publications and patents referenced herein are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Example 1

A large number of protease variants were produced and purified using methods well known in the art. All mutations were made in *Bacillus lentus* GG36 subtilisin. The variants are shown in Table 3.

Table 3

N76D	S103A	V104I	M222S									
N76D	A98E	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S78T	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S103A	V104I	I107V									
V4E	N76D	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S103A	V104I	I246V									
N76D	N77D	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S103A	V104I	N183D	N218I								
A16T	N76D	S103A	V104I	N248D								
A1E	N76D	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S103A	V104I	N261D									
N76D	S103A	V104I	S160T									
N76D	S103A	V104I	S216C									
H17Q	N76D	S103A	V104I									
S37T	N76D	S103A	V104I									
N76D	N77D	S103A	V104I	A174V								
T38S	N76D	S103A	V104I									
T38S	N76D	S103A	V104I	K237Q								

I8V	N76D	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S103A	V104I	N183D									
R19L	N76D	S103A	V104I									
A13V	N76D	S103A	V104I									
R19C	N76D	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S103A	V104I	N184D									
N76D	S103A	V104I	N252D									
N76D	S103A	V104I	S259C									
N76D	S103A	V104I	K251T									
N76D	P86S	S103A	V104I									
I72V	N76D	S103A	V104I	N185D								
N76D	S103A	V104I	K237E	T274A								
N76D	S103A	V104I	S160L									
N76D	S103A	V104I	A228V									
P55S	N76D	S103A	V104I	S240T								
N76D	S103A	V104I	A254T									
N76D	S103A	I104N	N204T									
N76D	S103A	V104I	N204D									
N43S	N76D	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D									

R10H	N76D	S103A	V104I	V177A								
T58S	N76D	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S103A	V104I	A270V									
N76D	S103A	V104I	N185D									
K27N	N76D	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S103A	V104I	L262M									
N76D	S78P	S103A	V104I									
S24P	N76D	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S103A	V104I	S166G	Q236R	K251R							
H17L	N76D	S103A	V104I	K237E								
N76D	S103A	V104I	S130L									
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q109R									
N76D	S99R	S103A	V104I	N204T								
N76D	S103A	V104I	D181N									
Q12R	N76D	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S103A	V104I	S212P	E271V								
N76D	S103A	V104I	N252K	N261Y								
N76D	S103A	V104I	S242T									
N76D	S103A	V104I	E271Q									
Q12R	N76D	S103A	V104I	S242T								

N43S	N76D	S103A	V104I	N116K	N183I							
N76D	S103A	V104I	G258R									
N76D	S103A	V104I	E271G									
G61R	N76D	S103A	V104I									
T38S	N76D	S103A	V104I	Q182R	Y263H							
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q182R	A272S								
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q109R	I246V								
N76D	S87G	S103A	V104I	Q206R	H249Q	S265G						
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q137R	N238Y	E271V							
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N76D	S103A	V104I	Q182R	I198V								
L21M	N76D	S103A	V104I	Q182R								
N76D	S103A	V104I	M119I	Q137R								
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q137R	N248S								
A13T	N76D	S103A	V104I	Q206R								
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q206R									
N76D	S103A	V104I	S212P	G258R								
T58S	N76D	S103A	V104I	E271G								
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q206E	N261D								
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N76D	N77D	S103A	V104I	Q206E								
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V4E	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	L217E	N252D						
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N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q206E	V244A							
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V4E	N76D	S103A	V104I	A158E								
N76D	N77D	S103A	V104I	N185D								
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q206E	K251T								
A48T	N76D	S103A	V104I	L111M	G159D							
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L42V	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D								
Q12H	N62H	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D							
L42I	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D								
N76D	S103A	V104I	G146S	G159D								
N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	N238S								
N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T224A								
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N76D	E89A	S103A	V104I									
N76D	S87R	S103A	V104I	S212P	E271V							
N76D	S103A	V104I	S212P	Q245L	E271V							
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N76D	S103A	V104I	S212P	Q236L	N243S	E271V						
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N76D	S103A	V104I	Q109R	P210L								
G20V	N62S	N76D	S103A	V104I								
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V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q236H	E271V						
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V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	A142V	G159D							
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	N123S	G159D	Q236H	H249Y					
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N76D	S103A	V104I	M222S	Y263F								
L21M	N76D	S103A	V104I	M222S	K237R	Y263F						
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N76D	S103A	V104I	Q109R	M222S	N248S							
N76D	S103A	V104I	M222S	H249R								
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N76D	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q245R								
S24T	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N252K					
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A			
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Q12R	N76D	S103A	M222S	P210T	Q245R							
Q12R	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	M222S	Q245R						
T22K	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I								
V68A	N76D	S103A	N184D									
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
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N43K	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
N43D	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N252K				

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Q12R	S57P	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	M222S	Q245R	K251Q				
Q12R	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	R170S	N185D	M222S	N243D	Q245R			
Q12R	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	M222S	Q245R	V268A					
Q12R	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	M222S	P210S	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V					
V68A	S103A	V104I	N116D	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D					
R10C	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	V203E	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	K237E	Q245R					
V68A	N76D	I79N	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	N183D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					

V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A174V	Q206L	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S188C	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A230T	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	A98T	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A215T	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248S					
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V				
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V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	T224A	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V				
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V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				
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Q12R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				

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N76D	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q236H	S242P	Q245R						
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210L	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				
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V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	S256R				
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K27R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				
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V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	L257R			
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	G258D			
I8V	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	N269D		

V68A	S103A	V104I	N116S	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	T260E		
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	N261R			
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	N261D			
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
V68A	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232S	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236R	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
N18S	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245V	N248D	N252K				
V68A	N76D	S101T	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	N218S	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A	
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A228V	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
T33S	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
V68A	N76D	E89D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210L	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A	
G61E	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	P210I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
G61E	V68A	S103A	V104I	S130A	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
G61E	V68A	S103A	V104I	A133S	Q137R	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	
G61E	S103A	V104I	A133V	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248G	N252K				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	N218S	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			

G61E	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S160V	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
S3L	G61E	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
G61E	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S167F	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
G97E	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
A98D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S99E	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S101E	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	S106E	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	Q109E	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	N261R				
S103A	V104I	Q109R	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	G159D	N184D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	G159D	S166D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	G159D	L217E	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
G20R	N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S103A	V104I	G159D	Q206R	L217E	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			

N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q206R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S103A	V104I	S130G	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	P131V	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
K27N	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
T38G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
T38A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A			
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A	E271G		
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A		
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210I	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A		
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A		
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A			
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A				
N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A230V	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	L126F	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210L	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
S103A	V104I	G159D	A230V	Q236H	Q245R							

V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A					
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R							
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A174V	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A194S	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V				
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V						
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A	N261W		
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V	N261W				
S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A					
S103A	V104I	G159D	P210I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V					
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210L	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A		
Q12R	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A			
S103A	V104I	Y209W	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V						
S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	P210I	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A			
S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	Y209W	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	Y209W	P210I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R			
S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	Y209W	P210I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V			
S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	Y209W	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	Y209W	P210I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A		

S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	Y209W	P210I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				
S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	P210I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	P210I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	S128L	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					
A48V	S103A	V104I	G159D	A230V	Q236H	Q245R						
A48V	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				
A48V	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
A48V	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V	N261W			
G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
Q12R	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
S101G	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
A98L	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S103A	V104I	P131V	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	G159D	N184S	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	G159D	N184G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	V244T	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	V244A	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	S256R		
Q12R	N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		

S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	N185D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q206E	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213Q	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
A98L	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S101G	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
A98L	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
A98L	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	N248D	N252K			
N62D	S103A	V104I	Q109R	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
N62D	S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q245R	N248D	N252K						
S103A	V104I	G159D	A230V	Q245R								
N62D	S103A	V104I	S130G	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
S101G	S103A	V104I	S130G	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S101G	S103A	V104I	S128G	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S101G	S103A	V104I	S128L	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
N62D	S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
N62D	S103A	V104I	S128G	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
N62D	S103A	V104I	S128L	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	T260A			

S101G	S103A	V104I	P131V	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
A98V	S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S99G	S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A230V	Q236H	Q245R						
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A194P	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
N76D	S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A194P	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A230V	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	N185D	Q206E	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	E271Q

Example 2

A large number of the protease variants produced in Example 1 were tested for performance in two types of detergent and wash conditions using a microswatch assay described in "An improved method of assaying for a preferred enzyme and/or preferred detergent composition", U.S. Serial No. 60/068,796.

Table 4 lists the variant proteases assayed and the results of testing in two different detergents. For column A, the detergent was 0.67 g/l filtered Ariel Ultra (Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, USA), in a solution containing 3 grains per gallon mixed Ca^{2+}/Mg^{2+} hardness, and 0.3 ppm enzyme was used in each well at 20°C. For column B, the detergent was 3.38 g/l filtered Ariel Futur (Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, USA), in a solution containing 15 grains per gallon mixed Ca^{2+}/Mg^{2+} hardness, and 0.3 ppm enzyme was used in each well at 40°C.

Table 4

											A	B
N76D	S103A	V104I									1	1
S103A	V104I	A228T									0.56	1.11
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N252K				1.41	1.85
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			2.77	1.20
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R					2.26	1.67
V68A	S103A	V104I	N140D	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N252K			2.96	1.42
N43S	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N252K			1.91	1.80
N43K	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				2.05	1.78
N43D	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N252K			2.00	1.34
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V				2.38	1.67
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D				2.83	0.53
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	K237E	Q245R				2.87	0.20
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N252S				2.56	1.41
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V	R275H			3.97	0.47
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	T224A	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V			3.35	1.28
G61E	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		3.77	0.09
N43D	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		3.50	0.47
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212P	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		2.81	1.46

N76D	A98E	S103A	V104I								1.56	0.28
V4E	N76D	S103A	V104I								1.22	0.33
N76D	N77D	S103A	V104I								1.13	0.36
A16T	N76D	S103A	V104I	N248D							1.22	0.43
A1E	N76D	S103A	V104I								1.12	0.32
N76D	S103A	V104I	N261D								1.54	0.33
N76D	S103A	V104I	S216C								1.04	0.13
N76D	N77D	S103A	V104I	A174V							1.09	0.35
T38S	N76D	S103A	V104I	K237Q							1.11	0.55
N76D	S103A	V104I	N183D								1.50	0.25
R19L	N76D	S103A	V104I								1.11	0.48
R19C	N76D	S103A	V104I								1.05	0.19
N76D	S103A	V104I	N184D								1.32	0.29
N76D	S103A	V104I	N252D								1.19	0.53
N76D	S103A	V104I	S259C								0.92	0.12
N76D	S103A	V104I	K251T								1.31	0.43
N76D	P86S	S103A	V104I								1.00	0.98
I72V	N76D	S103A	V104I	N185D							1.70	0.37
N76D	S103A	V104I	K237E	T274A							1.12	0.16
N76D	S103A	V104I	A228V								1.13	0.99

N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D								1.88	0.23
H17L	N76D	S103A	V104I	K237E							1.29	0.28
N76D	S103A	V104I	S130L								0.52	0.71
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q109R								0.23	1.26
N76D	S99R	S103A	V104I	N204T							0.21	0.87
N76D	S103A	V104I	D181N								0.24	1.07
Q12R	N76D	S103A	V104I								0.61	1.31
N76D	S103A	V104I	S212P	E271V							0.69	1.35
N76D	S103A	V104I	N252K	N261Y							0.37	1.02
N76D	S103A	V104I	S242T								0.98	0.92
N76D	S103A	V104I	E271Q								0.63	1.25
Q12R	N76D	S103A	V104I	S242T							0.49	1.32
N43S	N76D	S103A	V104I	N116K	N183I						0.39	1.10
N76D	S103A	V104I	G258R								0.34	1.17
N76D	S103A	V104I	E271G								0.57	1.25
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q182R	I198V							0.22	0.95
L21M	N76D	S103A	V104I	Q182R							0.24	0.98
N76D	S103A	V104I	M119I	Q137R							0.13	0.91
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q137R	N248S							0.16	1.02
A13T	N76D	S103A	V104I	Q206R							0.31	1.01

N76D	S103A	V104I	Q206R								0.33	1.02
N76D	S103A	V104I	S212P	G258R							0.38	1.06
T58S	N76D	S103A	V104I	E271G							0.84	1.26
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q206E	N261D							1.97	0.04
V4E	N76D	S103A	V104I	Q206E							1.51	0.05
N76D	N77D	S103A	V104I	Q206E							1.40	0.04
N76D	S103A	V104I	A158E								1.95	0.16
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q206E								2.41	0.88
N76D	N77D	S103A	V104I	A133T	N185D	K251T					1.34	0.03
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q206E	N261D							1.78	0.04
N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q206E	V244A						2.16	0.04
V4E	N76D	S103A	V104I	S188E							1.91	0.04
V4E	N76D	S103A	V104I	A158E							2.06	0.04
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q206E	K251T							1.73	0.06
A48T	N76D	S103A	V104I	L111M	G159D						2.04	0.16
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q236H						3.20	0.09
L42V	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D							1.83	0.17
Q12H	N62H	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D						1.42	0.14
L42I	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D							1.86	0.18
N76D	S103A	V104I	G146S	G159D							1.87	0.19

N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	N238S							1.90	0.15
N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T224A							1.61	0.07
N76D	S103A	V104I	S212P	V268F	E271V						0.44	1.42
N76D	S87R	S103A	V104I	S212P	E271V						0.39	2.03
N76D	S103A	V104I	S212P	Q245L	E271V						0.62	1.79
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q109R	Q245R							0.11	1.78
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q109R	P210L							0.12	1.21
G20V	N62S	N76D	S103A	V104I							1.63	0.78
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	Q236H							2.37	0.44
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q236H	E271V					2.97	0.45
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q236H	Q245R					3.00	0.61
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	L217I	Q236H	E271V				2.71	0.12
H17Q	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I							2.46	0.38
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I								2.46	0.61
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q236R						3.31	0.11
V68A	L75R	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q236H					3.06	0.14
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	A114V	V121I	G159D	Q236H	Q245R			3.11	0.40
Q12R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q236H					3.12	0.34
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209S	Q236H	T253K				3.18	0.03
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	N117K	G159D	N184S	Q236H				2.78	0.06

V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	Q236H							2.49	0.57
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q236H	Q245L					3.37	0.03
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	N123S	G159D	Q236H	H249Y				3.11	0.03
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q236H	H249Q					3.15	0.04
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q236H	Q245R	N261D				3.31	0.03
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	S141N	G159D	Q236H	Q245R	T255S			3.26	0.62
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q236H	Q245R	R247H				2.78	0.03
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A174V	N204D	Q236H	Q245R			3.28	0.02
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	N204D	Q236H	Q245R				3.34	0.02
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	A133V	G159D	N218D	Q236H	Q245R			3.28	0.03
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				2.91	0.58
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A194I	V203A	Q236H	Q245R			2.86	0.13
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A		1.30	1.73
T22K	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I							1.83	1.13
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R			1.28	1.54
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V			3.72	0.8
N76D	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V					0.6	1.5
N76D	S103A	V104I	L257V	R275H							1.91	0.15
N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	L257V				1.92	1.09
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	Q236H	Q245R			3.57	0.99

V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	G211R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R			1.74	1.76
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	G211V	A232V	Q236H	Q245R			3.15	1.06
Q12R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y214L	A232V	Q236H	Q245R		2.33	1.92
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A215R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R			1.67	1.45
Q12R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R			2.16	1.72
G20R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	S259G		2.77	1.59
V68A	N76D	S87R	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260V		2.62	1.49
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N261G			2.92	0.68
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N261W			2.17	1.37
N76D	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q236H	S242P	Q245R					0.48	1.2
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210L	A232V	Q236H	Q245R			2.92	0.76
Q12R	A48V	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R		2.09	1.86
N76D	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R						0.51	1.44
N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y192F	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				1.60	1.14
N76D	S103A	V104I	V147I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248S	K251R		1.35	1.29
Q12R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	A272S		1.92	1.81
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	N183K	Q206L	A232V	Q236H	Q245R		1.17	1.53
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	S256R			2.01	1.72
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q206R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R			2.09	1.62
K27R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R			3.00	1.08

V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	N116T	G159D	R170S	N185S	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	ND	ND
N76D	S103A	V104I	M222S	Q245R							1.01	1.23
Q12R	N76D	S103A	V104I	M222S	H249R						0.57	1.65
N76D	S103A	V104I	N173R	M222S							0.86	0.46
N76D	S103A	V104I	M222S	Y263F							1.24	0.77
L21M	N76D	S103A	V104I	M222S	K237R	Y263F					1.18	0.76
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q109R	M222S							0.52	1.16
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q109R	M222S	E271D						0.56	1.12
G61R	N76D	S103A	V104I	M222S							0.43	0.96
N76D	S103A	V104I	Q137R	M222S							0.42	1.25
N76D	S103A	V104I	M222S	H249R							1.15	1.01
Q12R	N76D	S103A	V104I	M222S	Q245R						0.53	1.46
N76D	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q245R							0.69	1.56
Q12R	N76D	S103A	I104T	M222S	V244I	Q245R					0.66	1.74
Q12R	N76D	S103A	V104I	M222S	P210T	Q245R					0.52	1.56
Q12R	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	M222S	Q245R					0.70	1.61
Q12R	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	A215V	M222S	Q245R				0.79	1.85
Q12R	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	M222S	V227A	Q245R	L262S			0.78	1.56
Q12R	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	M222S	Q245R	N261D				1.25	1.30
N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	M222S	Q245R						1.29	1.30

Q12R	S57P	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	M222S	Q245R	K251Q			1.44	0.16
Q12R	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	R170S	N185D	M222S	N243D	Q245R		2.01	0.04
Q12R	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	M222S	Q245R	V268A				0.77	1.60
Q12R	N76D	S103A	I104T	S130T	M222S	P210S	Q245R				0.73	1.66
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R				2.09	0.86

Example 3

Table 5 lists the variant proteases assayed from Example 1 and the results of testing in four different detergents. The same performance tests as in Example 2 were done on the noted variant proteases with the following detergents. For column A, the detergent was 0.67 g/l filtered Ariel Ultra (Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, USA), in a solution containing 3 grains per gallon mixed Ca^{2+}/Mg^{2+} hardness, and 0.3 ppm enzyme was used in each well at 20°C. For column B, the detergent was 3.38 g/l filtered Ariel Futur (Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, USA), in a solution containing 15 grains per gallon mixed Ca^{2+}/Mg^{2+} hardness, and 0.3 ppm enzyme was used in each well at 40°C. For column C, 3.5g/l HSP1 detergent (Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, USA), in a solution containing 8 grains per gallon mixed Ca^{2+}/Mg^{2+} hardness, and 0.3 ppm enzyme was used in each well at 20°C. For column D, 1.5 ml/l Tide KT detergent (Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, USA), in a solution containing 3 grains per gallon mixed Ca^{2+}/Mg^{2+} hardness, and 0.3 ppm enzyme was used in each well at 20°C.

Table 5

													A	B	C	D
													1	1	1	1
N76D	S103A	V104I											1.44	1.41	1.39	1.26
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K						2.34	1.49	1.65	2.35
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.05	1.41	1.20	1.19
V68A	S103A	V104I	Q109R	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.81	1.72	1.66	1.31
G20R	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.19	1.38	1.60	2.02
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209F	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.91	0.91	1.48	2.70
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	N185D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				0.93	1.39	1.23	0.80
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.67	0.86	1.41	2.88
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	N185D	P210L	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			2.22	1.43	1.55	1.78
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210L	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.30	1.43	1.63	2.07
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212C	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.31	1.47	1.62	2.01
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.63	0.56	1.36	2.66
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212E	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.75	0.50	1.27	2.78
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213E	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.11	1.38	1.31	0.75
V68A	S103A	V104I	T213S	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					2.27	0.15	1.12	2.01
V68A	A103V	V104I	G159D	T213E	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.37	1.42	1.37	1.06
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K							

V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A215V	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.14	1.40	1.53	1.54
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A215R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.22	1.58	1.47	1.20
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S216T	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.12	1.36	1.56	1.56
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S216V	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.88	1.36	1.47	1.87
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S216C	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.24	0.33	1.07	2.89
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	N173D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.43	0.46	1.29	2.42
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q206R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				0.98	1.46	1.24	0.95
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252F					2.52	1.00	1.42	2.42
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252L					2.05	1.13	1.30	1.85
P55S	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252F				2.61	0.91	1.43	3.22
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	T255V				2.18	1.36	1.58	1.72
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	S256N				2.14	1.46	1.59	1.65
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	S256E				2.46	0.77	1.33	2.58
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	S256R				1.31	1.52	1.46	0.94
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	T260R				1.21	1.41	1.31	1.05
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	L257R				1.51	1.41	0.85	1.18
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	G258D				2.56	0.59	1.30	2.64
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	N261R				1.02	1.47	1.37	0.84
V68A	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K						1.04	1.50	1.32	0.73
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245V	N248D	N252K					2.60	0.93	1.41	2.67

V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A228V	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.31	1.38	1.53	1.57
G61E	V68A	S103A	V104I	S130A	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			2.83	0.25	1.33	2.44
G61E	S103A	V104I	A133V	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.10	0.97	1.36	2.29
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248G	N252K					1.37	1.54	0.89	1.27
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	N218S	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.30	1.50	1.62	1.56
G20R	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.72	1.72	1.67	1.15
V68A	N76D	E89D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210L	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A		1.32	1.30	1.11	1.28
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.50	0.83	1.43	2.25
G61E	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S160V	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			4.20	0.07	ND	1.28
S3L	G61E	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			3.47	0.60	ND	1.45
G61E	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y167F	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			4.32	0.79	ND	1.55
G97E	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					3.14	0.41	ND	1.40
A98D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					2.71	0.68	ND	1.72
S99E	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					2.97	0.68	ND	1.71
S101E	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					3.50	0.27	ND	1.90
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					2.24	1.80	ND	1.33
G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					3.35	1.33	ND	1.69
S103A	V104I	S106E	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					4.88	0.55	ND	2.71
S103A	V104I	Q109E	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					4.22	1.05	ND	2.40
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	N261R					5.45	2.19	ND	2.58

S103A	V104I	Q109R	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					3.76	2.16	ND	1.82
N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					7.42	0.13	ND	2.46
S103A	V104I	G159D	N184D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					5.43	1.36	ND	2.84
S103A	V104I	G159D	S166D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					5.12	1.21	ND	3.97
S103A	V104I	G159D	L217E	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					6.38	0.95	ND	3.09
G20R	N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			3.17	2.83	ND	2.60
N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				4.38	1.92	ND	2.54
S103A	V104I	G159D	Q206R	L217E	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				3.05	2.61	ND	1.10
N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q206R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				4.09	2.46	ND	2.55
S103A	V104I	G159D	N184G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					2.32	2.08	ND	2.40
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	V244T	Q245R	N248D	N252K					2.34	2.04	ND	1.86
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	V244A	Q245R	N248D	N252K					2.24	2.11	ND	1.95
K27N	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					2.81	1.56	ND	2.47
T38G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K					2.30	2.09	ND	1.82
N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	S256R			2.63	2.66	ND	1.44
Q12R	N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			2.01	2.78	ND	1.99
N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	N185D	Q206E	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K	E271Q	7.74	0.94	ND	5.39
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	N185D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				5.14	1.41	ND	1.92
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q206E	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				4.97	0.57	ND	1.36
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213Q	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.41	1.86	ND	1.01

A98L	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				4.42	0.50	ND	2.88
S101G	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				5.86	1.20	ND	3.84
G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				5.87	2.10	ND	3.19
Q12R	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			2.98	2.67	ND	2.17
A98L	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			4.02	0.41	ND	2.25
S101G	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			6.63	2.07	ND	2.08
G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.03	2.48	ND	2.25
N62D	S103A	V104I	Q109R	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			2.96	2.76	ND	2.34
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q245R	N248D	N252K							2.74	2.10	ND	1.86
S103A	V104I	G159D	A230V	Q245R									2.11	2.35	ND	1.49
N62D	S103A	V104I	S130G	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			3.42	0.71	ND	2.58
S101G	S103A	V104I	S130G	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.59	1.32	ND	1.61
S101G	S103A	V104I	S128G	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.30	1.23	ND	9.0
S101G	S103A	V104I	S128L	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.94	0.71	ND	1.08
N62D	S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			3.17	0.83	ND	2.35
N62D	S103A	V104I	S128G	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			2.15	1.38	ND	1.77
N62D	S103A	V104I	S128L	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			3.07	0.07	ND	1.45
S101G	S103A	V104I	P131V	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.26	1.16	ND	3.05
A98V	S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.82	1.34	ND	1.08
S99G	S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				2.16	1.47	ND	1.20

S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.79	1.38	ND	1.01
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.15	1.18	ND	8.7
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.47	1.23	ND	1.03
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.90	1.38	ND	1.05
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A230V	Q236H	Q245R							1.55	1.51	ND	1.23
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A194P	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				1.96	1.30	ND	1.10
N76D	S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A194P	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			2.49	0.80	ND	1.25